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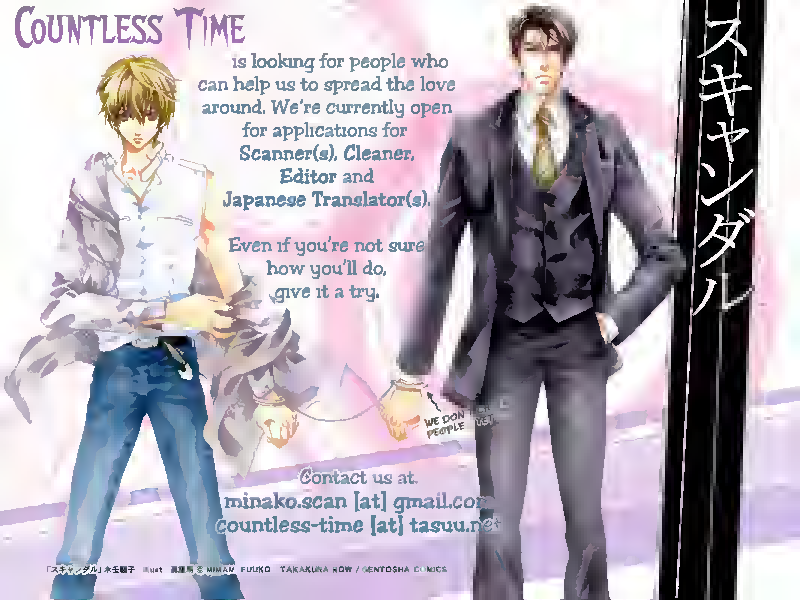

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IF HE DOESN'T HAND IN THAT MANUSCRIPT FIRST THING IN THE MORNING, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE THE DEADLINE!
IT'S THE INTRODUCTION SO WE CAN'T LEAVE IT OUT! IF HE SCREWS THIS UP, HE'S FIRED!!, FIRED, FIRED, AND FIRED!!!
THE BOSS SAID: "NO MATTER WHAT, MAKE SURE I GET KAZUMI KUON'S INTRODUCTION ON MY DESK BY TOMORROW MORNING!"... YEAH, I GOT IT, BOSS!
NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES, I'LL MAKE HIM HAND IT IN!! I'LL HANDLE THIS RESPONSIBILITY AND I WON'T COME BACK UNTIL I'VE SQUEEZED THE L_ST... P_GE OUT OF HIM...?

Note there was a mistake with the name of the main characters in chapter 2 From now on, we will respect the names written on page 1 of chapter 1

OR SO I SAID...?
SWEETEST
スウィーテスト トリッパー
003
STRIPPER
S-TRIPPER
S-TRIPPER
S-TRIPPER

HUH...?!
WHAT TIME IS IT?!
KAZUMI! KAZUMI, YOUR MANUSCRIPT! DID YOU HAND IT IN?!
ZZZZ
...!!

Look at me!
IT'S NOT LIKE I COULD'VE FINISHED IT IN ONE NIGHT, RIGHT?
HUH .?
KAZUMI! THE MANU-SCRIPT ..!
TURN
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING?!
I DIDN'T SLEEP BECAUSE OF WORK. YOU DIDN'T SLEEP BEC..USE YOU STAYED UP DRINKING! COULD IT BE BEC..USE OF THE SPRING SEASON?
UH...
W...WELL SORRY... BUT YOU KNOW THAT I DIDN'T GET ANY SLEEP EITHER..
!!
TWITCH
UP UNTIL YESTERDAY, I DIDN'T SLEEP FOR TWO DAYS BECAUSE I WAS SERIOUS ABOUT WRITING.
YOU, HOWEVER, SEEMED VERY ENTHUSIASTIC...

AH, SERIOUSLY, WHAT SHOULD I DO..? HE'LL GET FIRED..
BUT.. IF THERE'S NO MANUSCRIPT, WE'LL GET IN TROUBLE.. YOUR NAME IS ALREADY ON THE COVER, AND THE SPACE IS ALREADY RESERVED... WE CAN'T LEAVE IT BLANK...
LET'S PUT A PICTURE OF YOUR TROUBLED FACE INSTEAD, ♬
CLICK
?!
TWITCH
A digital camera?
W...WHAT?
TAKERU, AREN'T YOU HUNGRY? YOU HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING SINCE YESTERDAY
WOULD YOU MIND MAKING BREAKFAST?
CLICK
DON'T SCREW AROUND...
This isn't the time for silly games!
THERE SHOULD BE SOME SANDWICHES LEFT IN THE FRIDGE.

SINCE YOU LIVE BY YOURSELF, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THAT MUCH, RIGHT?
FINE! YOU'LL WORK ON YOUR MANUSCRIPT WHILE I MAKE THE SANDWICHES, ALRIGHT?!
YOU'RE SO SELFISH
WHO'S THE SELFISH ONE HERE?!
TAKERU...
DON'T BE ANGRY.
IT MAKES YOU LOOK EVEN CUTER. SO..
AH!
SHOULD I DO SOMETHING REALLY NICE FOR YOU?
N...NOT AGAIN!

SLAM
YOU LECHEROUS BASTARD!!
LIKE HELL I'D LET YOU!!
I'M TAKERU HIBINO.
I'M A UNIVERSITY STUDENT. I ALSO WORK PART-TIME FOR A SMALL PUBLISHING AGENCY.
SINCE I CAUGHT THE SPECIAL INTEREST OF OUR AGENCY'S TOP WRITER, KAZUMI KUON, I'VE BEEN GIVEN A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

EVER SINCE WE MET, HE HAS BEEN "DEVOURING" ME THOROUGHLY, MAKING THE DAYS PASS BY LIKE A DREAM.
ALTHOUGH I'M NOT SURE WHETHER IT'S A SWEET DREAM OR A NIGHT-MARE...
HE'S FAMOUS IN THE INDUSTRY FOR BEING A HOPELESS PLAYBOY WHO DEVOURS BOTH MEN AND WOMEN! AND HIS "SPECIAL INTEREST" IN ME IS EXACTLY THAT.
DAMN IT! YOU MIGHT THINK HE LOOKS COOL AND ALL, BUT IN REALITY IT'S QUITE DIFFERENT.
I WAS A FAN OF KAZUMI TOO... GEEZ, I'M SO FORGETFUL NOWADAYS.
DAMN IT! WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?
IF HE DOESN'T HAND IN THE MANUSCRIPT, HE'LL BE FIRED FOR SURE...
I REALLY CAN'T GO BACK EMPTY-HANDED...

WHATEVER IT TAKES, I'LL GET THAT MANUSCRIPT! EVEN IF I HAVE TO USE MY OWN BODY TO GET IT!
I MIGHT HAVE TO LET HIM HAVE HIS WAY...
There's no way around it.
SORAMUS
NO MATTER WHAT, I'M AN EDITOR...
AND KAZUMI IS "MY AUTHOR".
HAM SANDWICH
SIGH
Such a dirty mind♥
!

THERE'S A VISITOR AT THIS HOUR?!
SORRY TO HAVE TO TROUBLE YOU THIS EARLY, KUON-SENSEI!
IT'S ALRIGHT. SINCE YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY TO WORK, LET ME GIVE YOU THE FINISHED MANUSCRIPT.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
WHAT THE HELL?!
ISN'T HE AN EDITOR...? WHAT DOES HE MEAN BY "THE FINISHED MANU-SCRIPT"?!
RUSTLE
THUD
FRESHLY BAKED
HERE, PLEASE HAVE SOME. IT'S A DOUBLE PORTION, FRESH FROM THE PAN. IT TASTES QUITE GOOD.
THANK YOU, AREN'T YOU CONSIDERATE.

WELL...I GUESS I'M NOT THE CONSIDERATE TYPE.
...
YOUR LOCAL CONVENIENCE STORE
OUCH!
WHAT HAPPENED...?
I THINK I GOT A PAPER CUT...
LET ME SEE...
SHOCK!!
KAZUMI...

SLAM
STOP MAKING A FOOL OF ME!
DO YOU HAVE TO LAY YOUR HANDS ON EVERY EDITOR THAT COMES HERE?!
WHAT THE HELL?!
YOU'RE MEAN!!
SO CRUEL!!
AND WHAT'S WITH THAT MANUSCRIPT! EARLIER, WITHOUT ANY APOLOGY, YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU WERE SO TIRED YOU COULDN'T WRITE IT...!
THROW
HOLD ON..
THROW
TA... TAKERU?!

...
WHO IS THIS PERSON?
MY LOVER.
UH, WELL... ANYWAY, THIS IS THE INTRODUCTION TO YOUR COLLECTED WORKS. I'LL CALL YOU AGAIN NEXT WEEK
HUH...?
COLLECTED WORKS... SO YOU... ACTUALLY WROTE IT...?
HE SAID...
YEAH...
"LOVER" ...?

DON'T BE JEALOUS.
I AM.
KAZUMI
DO YOU INTEND TO OPENLY INTRODUCE ME AS YOUR LOVER?
SO WEAK WHEN HE LOOKS AT ME LIKE THIS...
WAS IT WRONG OF ME TO DO SO?
DON'T YOU MIND ..? THERE MIGHT BE RUMORS PEOPLE MIGHT THINK YOU'RE STRANGE
IF I TRY TO HIDE IT, PEOPLE WILL PRY INTO IT.

WHEN HE DOES THIS TO ME I GROW BLIND TO HIS FLAWS.
I'M ALSO WEAK TO HIS VOICE
YOU KNOW I'M A TERRIBLE LIAR.
I LOVE YOU
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT...

UH!
AAAH.

HERE.
WHAT'S THIS?
IS IT THE MANUSCRIPT FILE?
YEAH
SO YOU DID FINISH IT! THANK YOU SO MUCH, KAZUMI! I'LL GO AND HAND IT IN RIGHT AWAY!
CHUCKLE
TAKERU HIBINO ANNOUNCING HIS RETURN!!

I PROUDLY PRESENT THE ARRIVAL OF KAZUMI KUON'S MANUSCRIPT!
...
TURN
WHAT?
Why are you looking at me like that?
Don't tell me—again
ACTUALLY, KUON-SENSEI SENT IN HIS MANUSCRIPT VIA E-MAIL THIS MORNING. SO WE ALREADY HAVE IT.
FREEZE
Huh?
SO WHAT'S ON THAT CD?
...
KAZUMI, YOU FILTHY LIAR!!
What exactly did you do at his place?
TO BE CONTINUED